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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of

SHIMAMOTO *et al.*

Application Number: 10/020,314

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: FABRICATING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

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Art unit: 2823

Examiner:

NGUYEN, KHIEM D.

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

[] The fee for submission of additional claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	20	20	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	2	2	(Over 3)	x \$84	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$280	0
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				TOTAL	0.00

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action
(with Claim Amendments)

[] Preliminary Amendment

[] Substitute Specification

[] Other _____

[] Petition for Extension of Time

[] Terminal Disclaimer

[] Letter to Draftsperson

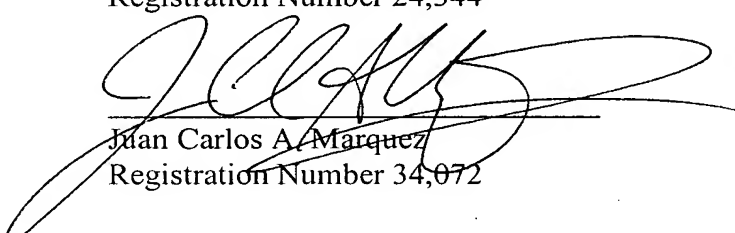
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Respectfully submitted,

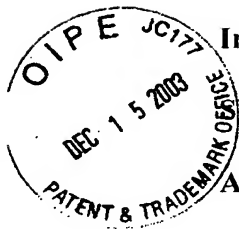
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated October 21, 2003, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on January 21, 2004. Please amend the above identified application as follows: